

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will hold a remote public hearing on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation.

101 CMR 356.00: Rates for Money Follows the Person Demonstration Services

The proposed regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2023. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D, EOHHS is required to establish, by regulation, rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of health services, which include the rates referenced in this regulation. In accordance with this statutory requirement, EOHHS is proposing amendments to 101 CMR 356.00: *Rates for Money Follows the Person Demonstration Services*. Proposed amendments include the following.

- Establish the rate for Assistive Technology as the rate established in 101 CMR 322.00: Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Equipment;
- Establish the rate for Community Engagement Navigation at the rate established in 101 CMR 423.00: Rates for Certain In-Home Basic Living Supports;
- Establish the rate for Transitional Assistance at individual consideration;
- Updates to the definitions to align with MFP Demonstration services
- Updates to conform to EOHHS rate regulations for other MassHealth programs, including provisions related to cost reporting and payment limitations, as well as formatting.

The total CY2023 estimated spending for MFP Demonstration services and administration is \$44,058,470. The proposed amendments to rates contained in 101 CMR 356.00 apply for dates of service provided on or after March 1, 2023.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your testimony to ehs-regulations@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023. EOHHS specifically invites

comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

To review the current draft of the proposed regulation, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulation taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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